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High-Quality Education
For over 40 years, USC Gould’s Trust and Estate Conference has provided high-quality continuing education customized for trust, estate planning, probate and elder law professionals.

Practical and Realistic Solutions
The Conference has a proven track record of teaching practical and realistic solutions to everyday and unexpected problems in estate planning, trust administration, probate, trust and estate litigation, elder law and client relationships. Speakers often share “how-to” techniques and forms used in their practices.

Unrivaled Networking
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who should attend?
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Registration includes all sessions, continental breakfast, networking breaks, luncheon presentation, continuing education credit, and print and downloadable copies of the practical Conference Syllabus including the popular Resource Guide, a Trust and Estate Professional Directory covering Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.
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Check-In and Continental Breakfast
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8:25 – 8:35 AM
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Terrence M. Franklin
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8:35 – 10:05 AM
Annual Update:
Recent Developments in Probate and Trust
and their Practical Applications
Join returning popular experts, as they review
critical recent California legislation and case law and
Federal tax law. Encompassing developments in wills,
trusts and estate, and gift taxation, both new and
experienced practitioners will benefit from their useful
information and insights. So bring your questions!

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10:25 – 11:25 AM
Probate Code §2580, et seq.
Whose Judgment Is It Anyway?
Most trusts and estates practitioners are familiar with the term “substituted judgment,” but how many of those practitioners actually know the ins and outs of petitions for substituted judgment? Join our experienced attorneys as they explore and analyze the various purposes and ways a petition for substituted judgment may be used in a conservatorship proceeding. Some examples that will be analyzed include making inter vivos gifts, exercising or releasing a conservatee’s power of appointment, establishing or making changes to existing estate planning documents, and last but not least, an effective tool in pre-death will contests.

Eric M. Tokuyama
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11:25 – 12:25 AM
To Decant or Not Decant...That is the Question
With California’s enactment of the Uniform Trust Decanting Act, practitioners have a new means to address issues concerning irrevocable trusts. Is decanting the panacea for changing the terms of an irrevocable trust or is it merely an additional tool that requires comparison and analysis? This presentation will review California’s new decanting statute and contrast it with petitions for modification, petitions for reformation, and petitions for instructions.

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Mystery in a Mumu: What Makes Your Judge Tick?

They juggle huge dockets with minimal support. You feel like you’re rolling a boulder uphill. Join two of our favorite jurists in a 30 minute conversation about how to capture their attention and get them to yes.

12:25 – 1:40 PM
Luncheon Presentation
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1:40 – 2:40 PM
Tips and Tricks for Taming Basis

The basic rules of carry over basis and the step-up at death remain unchanged but everything else has shifted. How do we respond to the relatively high estate tax exemptions and our client’s increased focus on income tax planning? What is going on with the new basis consistency regime? The speakers will discuss practical and proactive strategies you can use today to create more efficient and flexible plans for future generations to minimize their total burden across both income and transfer taxes. But that’s not all – what steps can be taken with existing irrevocable trusts to activate them for efficient basis planning? Join us for an up-to-date discussion of tips and tricks for taming basis.

Elizabeth R. Glasgow
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Daniel C. Lorenzen
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2:40 – 3:00 PM
Networking Ice Cream Break
Sponsored by Jack Barcal, Esq.
Assessing Capacity on a Sliding Scale: A Look Into Retrospective and Contemporaneous Evaluations

With an elderly population increasing at record pace, what do we do when we represent clients with diminishing capacity? It may be hard to draw a line, particularly because there are different levels of capacity to consider when assessing a client’s ability to make a certain decision whether it be entering into a contract, making a will, managing a complex trust, or making day-to-day decisions concerning one’s financial affairs. Issues of capacity typically arise in conservatorship disputes and post-death trust and will contests. This is often an area where trust and estate lawyers must rely on experts. This presentation will cover the standards for assessing capacity, with a focus on how to utilize expert advice through contemporaneous evaluations and retrospective review of medical records, in addition to a discussion of ethical considerations in the context of representing clients with diminishing cognition.

4:00 – 5:00 PM
Attorneys and Other Advisors as Counselors: What They Don’t Teach You in Law School

We learn the information we need to be lawyers in law school. We stay informed and knowledgeable by continuous study, reading, and attending conferences to learn from experts. But how do we learn to be emotionally connected to our clients, to listen, be empathetic and exhibit our trustworthiness? This presentation will explore the many situations we are faced with when we need to be a counselor providing psychological aid rather than a lawyer or advisor providing technical advice: the fears of a recent widow; parents’ issues with children with special needs, substance abuse problems, bad marriages, and sibling rivalry; open and honest discussions about end-of-life decisions, especially when your client is faced with a terminal illness; and the crossroads of whether to litigate against family or not. An experienced attorney will provide you with the tools to approach these conversations with your clients in a caring and helpful way.

5:00 PM adjournment

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